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IT IS BARGAINS YOU WANT!

A special reduction will be made on all lines of Summer goods for the next SIXTY DAYS, to speedily reduce stock, preparatory to building an addition to our present store room, for our large stock of fall goods now being manufactured.

DO NOT FAIL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY BARGAINS we are now offering. Write for price-list and samples.

ST. JOE CO-OPERATIVE STORE, GEORGE RAPP, Manager, Maitland, Mo.

—Harvest apples are now in market.
—Charlie Zook returned to Fairfax, Monday.
—Where do toy pistol makers go when they die?
—This is a good season for ducks—they can swim.
—The St. Joseph exposition begins September 3rd.
—Master Charley Harris has returned from Dakota.
—William Penny, of Kansas, gave us a pleasant call, last week.
—John Dorsey took in St. Joseph last Sunday and Monday.
—A. H. Jamison, was in town on legal business last Tuesday.
—Miss Maggie Burns, of St. Joseph, is visiting friends in this city.
—Joseph Newton, Mound City, was on our streets, last Monday.
—Mr. Adams, of Tarkio, was in Oregon last week, buying fruit.
—Miss Clytie Lumbard, of St. Joseph, is visiting friends in the city.
—Will Norman, a former Holt county boy, is now in Kansas City.
—Judge Russell had the misfortune to have his hand badly mashed last Friday by a door blowing to on it.
—Lindsay McRoberts, of Maitland, spent Sunday with his friends.
—Born, to G. H. and India Price, Thursday, July 12th, a daughter.
—Lou Baker, Savannah, spent several days with his friends here last week.
—County Assessor Hibbard is interviewing the people of Hickory township.
—Joe Hobbittzell, St. Joseph, was in our city for a few days, last week, on business.
—If Bob Lyon should want to marry, who would be authorized to issue a license to him?
—Wash Kelley, of Forest City, came up and interviewed his many friends this week.
—The water lilies have a hard struggle to get above water this year: they are coming through.
—The storm of last Friday did considerable damage to grain in the Dan Huatt neighborhood.
—Mrs T. C. Dungan and Ron Goslin spent a few days last week at the Mound City Mineral Springs.
—That sterling gentleman and merchant, Mr. Henry Thomas, was on our streets last Saturday.
—Mr. Frank Miller and wife, J. P. Hicks, and daughter are the guests of the Howell House.
—E. VanBuskirk has charge of fifty per cent. of the cases in Probate Court, the coming August term.
—Mr. West, who lives in Hickory township, sustained damage to the amount of \$100 to his orchard.
—Mrs. A. C. Carlson, of St. Joseph, spent a few days in our city, the guest of her brother, Dr. J. T. Thatcher.
—The flat just above Kimsy there is that of several feet of mud gathered from the adjacent hills.
—A. C. Carlson, of St. Joseph, has returned from a California trip, satisfied with the place like home.
—The season is well advanced. It will be a good one for your ulsters and your wife, of course.
—The rain continues to dilute Reb's drinks, he will be forced to hire a soap kettle and bottle them down before he obtains the desired amount of sherry from them.
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—Mr. Richard Hughes, of Carson, Iowa, is visiting his father, Henry Hughes.
—Case Cropp, of Mound City, was circulating among his many friends in Oregon, last Monday.
—Charley Williams, who is attending commercial school in St. Joseph, spent Sunday in Oregon.
—We are sorry to learn that Mr. Henry Molter is suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas.
—George Smith and Henry Pendergratt, of Craig, were down this week, shaking hands with friends.
—John Blum, of Forbes, was looking after his live stock interests in the Kimsy neighborhood last Sunday.
—Prof. Coleman will lecture in Maryville, August 2nd and 3rd. There will also be an examination of teachers.
—There never was a better place for fish than this country. All that is wanted is the fish—we have plenty of water.
—We are now turning out some extra fine printing which needs no puffing from us—it speaks for itself; come in and interview it.
—The old storm king had his pull-kings along in some of his recent visits to this section. He extracted a great many fence posts.
—The distress of that refractory steer, when B. B. Harrison was left behind by the train at Fairfax, last week, was indescribable.
—Joseph Seyfer, who is now in Plattville, sends us an interesting article on irrigation in Colorado. It will be found in this issue.
—Willie Liggett, twenty years old, committed suicide near Amazonia, by hanging himself in a barn, Saturday evening. Cause unknown.
—The crops of small grain now being harvested in the county, are exceptionally good, above the average in quality and yield per acre.
—Charlie Donovan, of Maitland, left for Denver, Colorado, this week to meet his wife, who has been spending some time with her father, Mr. Fred Argyle, of that city.
—Levi Zook has been appointed administrator of the estate of Moses Bennett. A most excellent selection. The interest of the estate will be well looked after with a jealous care.
—The trade in agricultural implements, especially in reapers and mowers, has been exceedingly good in our county this season, a fact, which proves that Holt county farmers are doing well.
—If the Western Union Telegraph Company has any one in its services expert enough to get a message over its line from here to Forest City, it would be well enough to send him along. We want to see him.
—George Nies, of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, of Mound City, returned to this city on Sunday last, after an absence of several weeks sight-seeing on the Pacific coast. We are glad to note that Mr. Nies returns much improved in health.
—Eight couple of our Forest City ladies and gentlemen were in our city Monday evening. They were all on horse back, and made quite a show. A number of the little "kicks" thought at first it was the "Grand Entry" of Cooper, Jackson & Co's Circus.
—Last week we had occasion to speak of the railroad men at Bigelow. This week we are constrained to refer to such officials at Forest City, but in a very different strain. The Forest City railroad men are clever, efficient and accommodating—just such men as the weary traveler likes to come in contact with.—Craig Meteor.
—The circus has come and gone, and the next attraction will be the grand closing out sale of Summer Goods by Corsaut & Meyer, Mound City, in order to make room for their Fall and Winter goods. Now is your chance to get bargains, as these goods MUST be disposed of by August 15th. Look out for a flaming "ad" next week.

—George Luckhardt, of Mound City, is at home in this city on the sick-list.
—Mrs. Tillie Shuts and Mrs. H. Sooper were at the Mineral Springs this week.
—John Frazer, of St. Joseph, was shaking hands with old friends in our village, this week.
—Mrs. Norman, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Holt, returned to her home in St. Joseph, last Saturday.
—Mrs. Serelda Gilstrap-Thomas and little son returned last week from a pleasant visit with father and mother at LaPlata, Mo.
—Mrs. Flora Messenger and Miss Carrie Cowan, of New Point, are enjoying the sights of the Mound City Mineral Springs.
—George Meyer, George Luckhardt and Will McRoberts, three of Mound City's popular young men visited in our town last Sunday. Come again, boys, you are always welcome.
—Ike Newton and W. P. Birchfield, of Nebraska City, will open a stock of general merchandise in Mound City, this week. These gentlemen are active, energetic business men, and we wish them success.
—State Superintendent Coleman has appointed O. C. Hill to act in co-operation with the County Commissioners for the organization of institutes and the circulation of educational literature.
—George Hoffmann, of Louisville, Kentucky, who has been visiting his brother, W. R. Hoffmann, for the past week or two, returned home last week. He was accompanied by his cousin George, who came here last spring.
—Leigh Irvine now has the general management of the Modern Argo, published at Kansas City. It is one of the best literary papers in the west, and the proprietors are to be congratulated on having secured the services of such an able and versatile writer as Mr. Irvine.
—Mr. Charles Norris, of Benton neighborhood, was in Oregon Saturday and left an order with John W. Greene, our city painter, for a lot of fingerboards, as the law is very strict on this point. J. W. Greene is lettering and furnishing boards, all complete, for twenty-five cents per board. There is no reason why there should not be plenty of guide-posts in this county.
—The Forest City school board for several weeks have been trying to agree upon some one to take the principalship of that school, but thus far have been unable to agree. At a late meeting of the board, they concluded to leave the matter with W. F. Drake, County Commissioner, with instructions to make the selection. Prof. Drake will no doubt make a wise selection.
—On last Monday afternoon a delightful party was given by T. H. Parrish and wife to their little eight-year old daughter Jesse Winter. An elegant tea was spread for the little ones, and the afternoon was most delightfully passed by those present. At the table were seated Jennie Murphy, Lulu Dobyns, Edith Hinde, Savilla Raley, Lucy Peter, Gertrude Cummings, Annie Coleman, Cora Sterrett, Daisy King, Gertrude Perkins, Minnie Bucher, Maggie Perkins, Ida Kennedy, Katie McKnight.
—The facilities of a person must, indeed, be obtuse if he does not see that it is for his interest to grow strawberries sufficient for home-use, if he raises none to sell. One hundred strawberry plants set two feet apart each way, will, if well cared for, produce more than three bushels of fruit, and will occupy but twenty feet square of ground. Now is the time to set them, July and August, and to those desiring plants I can furnish you with any of the following six, very best varieties: Jersey Queen and Big Bob, 75 cents per dozen; Badwell, 75 cents per hundred; Sharpless, Crescent Seedling and Duchesse, 50 cents per hundred. Thousand rates upon application. Address E. A. Brodbeck, Oregon, Mo.

—Only three arrests on circus day.
—Tom Fry and J. Linnup have opened out a butcher shop at the old stand on the east side of the public square.
—Mrs. T. H. Parrish and her daughters, Nettie and Jesse, left this week for Edgar, Nebraska, where they will visit friends.
—A very interesting letter from our special St. Joseph correspondent, "Observer," will be found on our inside pages, this week.
—Dr. Butler and his bride are in the city, the guests of Dr. Goslin and wife. We understand he will form a partnership with Dr. Goslin.
—We were shown a stock of red clover last week by Judge Anderson which grew in his door-yard, that measured five feet in length.
—The docket for the August term of the Probate Court will be found elsewhere in this paper. Parties interested will govern themselves accordingly.
—Rev. Carothers, his little son, Eddie, and his sister Mollie, will start for Kirksville Monday next to make a three weeks' visit among relatives and friends.
—Wm. A. Graham, wife and son, of Maitland, came down last Thursday. Mrs. Graham and son will spend a week or two among us, visiting pa and ma, Dr. King and wife.
—Mr. Ed L. Brannan, Press Agent, for Cooper, Jackson & Co's circus, gave us a pleasant call Wednesday. It does one good to meet such general gentlemen; he is the right man in the right place.
—Mr. J. W. Greene, our artist, is now putting up a beautiful badge for W. T. Eddy, showing regiment, company and state as follows: Company C, N. Y. Infantry. A good idea. If all the G. A. R. Boys would follow his example, should the boys chance to meet as strangers, although once being comrades, they would at once recognize the No. and State, and once more shake the hand as of yore. The badge consists of the blue silk ribbon, two inches wide and seven inches long, letters and figures to be of XXX French gold; also a fine gold ornament to suit. Any person wishing to get one of these beautiful emblems, will do well to get Mr. Greene's prices. His address is: Oregon, Holt county, Missouri, lock-box, 30.
—In a town not a thousand miles from here lives a grocer, who is learning something every few days. Not long since he visited the city and purchased from a dollar store a table castor, which he took home with him and after putting a tag on it marked \$14, made a present of it to the Methodist preacher, whose church his family attended. The wily reverend took the package home, opened it, and examined the contents. The next day he took the castor (with the tag attached) back to the groceryman, and said to him: "I am too poor in this world's goods to afford to display so valuable a castor on my table, and if you have no objection, I should like to return it and take \$14 worth of groceries in its stead." The merchant could do nothing but acquiesce, but imagine his feelings.—Nodaway Democrat.
—Cooper, Jackson & Co's Circus and Menagerie pitched their tents in our city Wednesday. People as a general rule are hasty in passing judgment upon a circus by their outward show and in many instances are deceived by attending. It is true that this show does not make a street parade of a mile, thereby giving the people the best part of the circus on the outside. On the inside we can say honestly, that their ring performance is without doubt, strictly first-class. Every act is a gem within itself, and especially are their entries void of that vulgarity and dullness, usually characteristic of canvas shows. We also wish to speak of the managers as being perfect gentlemen, looking after the comfort of their patrons with a jealous eye. They called and settled their bills promptly and to the strict letter of their contracts.

—Rev. S. Carothers will preach in the M. E. church next Sunday, both morning and evening. The general public are invited to these services.
—A man, giving his name as Howell, broke into J. N. Howard's house on the afternoon of Wednesday, while the family was at the circus. He was seen by one of the girls and promptly arrested by our worthy officers. He will have his preliminary hearing to-day.
—That genial, whole-souled merchant of Maitland, H. Hershberger, was in the city Thursday and Friday of last week. He said he would like to have remained with us several days, but had to get back home so he could take his children to the circus which shows there to day, the 20th inst. He was accompanied by his bright little children.
—Our county court deserves the thanks of every tax-payer in the county for looking after the land tax sales. By reference to their proceeding it will be seen that the court has instructed the county attorney to see that the lands sold bring the amount of taxes, or else bid in the same for the county. This is wise. Heretofore the land sharks have been bidding in these lands for less than the costs and the county and state and officers have been galled out of the sums due them. By this action of the court, the occupation of these sharks will be gone.

HOLT COUNTY'S GOLD MINE.
In the spring of 1870, Mr. Levi Crouser purchased and moved thereon a little farm of some forty acres in the high bluffs, situated in close proximity to Bluff City, three miles south of Oregon. A few days later while digging a well and excavating for a cave, he not only found many indications of the existence of "precious metal", but actual gold bearing quartz. At that time Mr. Crouser not having the "where-with-all" to develop his discovery, no great effort was made to find the bonanza lead until about 1874, when Messrs Crouser & McIntyre united their efforts, interest and means, to resurrect the unspeakable riches they evidently believed to be slumbering near by in the bosom of mother earth. Work was at once commenced and three tunnels of some 275 feet each in length were subsequently drifted into the bluffs at a cost of several hundred dollars and a deal of hard labor with the following results: In the first tunnel, no indication of gold was visible, however, they drifted into a bed of fire clay, six foot thick, which they followed some 150 feet and then abandoned this tunnel. Nothing daunted but with true miner's grit, they immediately commenced work at another point and drifted two other tunnels to about the same length as the first, viz., 275 feet. Finding in each small particles of very rich gold bearing quartz, a specimen of which Professor Hays, of Boston, assayed and valued at \$30,000 to the ton. They also discovered a vein of a soft, rocky substance, six feet thick that assayed \$10.51 per ton in gold. Lack of capital here prevented further operations. Mr. Crouser, having spent much of his early life in the mineral industries of Montana, is confident that there is a deposit of great worth some where near, which capital alone can develop. Though a believer in spiritualism, Mr. C. is not so radical as to believe departed friends direct their financial welfare.

Will Loan at LOWEST RATES, and in Sums to Suit on Improved Farms. If you are contemplating making a new LOAN or renewing an old one, it will PAY YOU to come and see me.
J. FOSTER MARSHALL, Oregon, Mo.
—For Hats of all styles go to H. Thomas & Co., Craig, Mo.

COUNTY COURT.
An adjourned term of county court was held this week. Judge Quick presided the first day in absence of Judge Fleming. But little business was transacted.
John Canon, of Forest City, was awarded the contract for building bridge near Wm. Banks' at \$8.40 per foot.
Auctioneers' license were fixed at the following rates:

State.	County.	
10 days.....	\$5.00.....	\$10.00
30 days.....	7.50.....	15.00
60 days.....	12.50.....	25.00
90 days.....	20.00.....	40.00

County attorney O'Fallon was instructed to see that lands sold for taxes bring the amount of taxes and costs, where in his judgment the same would be expedient, said lands to be purchased in the name of Holt county. The court also fixed dram shop license at \$50 for state and \$300 for county purposes.

HOW THEY IRRIGATE IN COLORADO.
PLATTVILLE, Col., June 29, '83.
DEAR SIR:—In your paper of June 29th, I saw interesting article on how irrigation is carried on in Montana, and I thought it might be of interest to some of your readers to know how we irrigate here in Colorado. This section of the state is irrigated by the High-land ditch. It is owned by a company, and the ditch is about seventy-five miles long. The water is taken from the St. Vrain Creek, twenty-five miles up in the Rocky Mountains, and is made on the highest land between the St. Vrain and Big Thompson creeks. With this way of ditch-making the high land is cultivated with as good success as the valleys. The ditch is thirty feet wide and six feet deep. The farmers have to pay for the water at the rate of \$1.25 per inch. It is measured by boxes, a box ten inches square will run 100 inches if it is level. The ditch company keep men hired to go along the ditch every day to see that the boxes are all right, so that every man gets his share of the water and no more, for water costs money here. The farmers after leaving the high land ditch make their ditches to their farms; sometimes there are four or five in one company, if their farms are close enough together to permit them to do this way, and then divide as before by boxes. After the water is at the field it is turned into ditches made through the ground (they are made about every three rods apart) it is then turned out on the grain in one place and let run until it gets through to the next ditch, and then changed to another place. It depends on the weather how often to irrigate. Two irrigations will raise a good crop here anyway, and sometimes one will. Most everybody irrigated twice this summer, but crops were never better. The farmers are looking for about thirty bushels of wheat per acre, and other grain in the same proportion. This is considered to be the best wheat growing section in the state; there is not much vacant land here now, and improved land is a good price. I left Holt county, Missouri, on the 8th of March, 1879, for Colorado, and don't want to leave here yet.

JOSEPH SEYFER.
—Get your harness repaired at D. M. Martin.
—Subscribe for THE COUNTY PAPER, and die happy.
—For Clothing go to H. Thomas & Co., Craig, Mo.
—Go to E. P. Hostetter's for a nice dish of ice cream.
—Best Prints 7 1-2 at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.
—Best Gingham 10c at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.
—Good Dress Goods 8c at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.
—Men's Suits only \$4.00 at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.
—Call on Anderson & Boyd, for Lap Dusters and Fly Nets.
—Heavy Shirting 10c at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.
—Ladies' Trimmed Hats from 25c to \$4.00 at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.
—E. P. Hostetter makes the best ice cream and lemonade. Give him a call.